

HOUSE BILL No. 1263

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-1-9.5.

Synopsis: Prescriptions and telemedicine. Sets forth requirements that must be met before a prescriber may prescribe medicine to a patient receiving telemedicine services.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-1-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]:

4 **Chapter 9.5. Telemedicine Services and Prescriptions**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "prescriber" means any of the**
6 **following:**

- 7 (1) A physician licensed under IC 25-22.5.
8 (2) A physician assistant licensed under IC 25-27.5 and
9 granted the authority to prescribe by the physician assistant's
10 supervisory physician in accordance with IC 25-27.5-5-4.
11 (3) An advanced practice nurse licensed and granted the
12 authority to prescribe drugs under IC 25-23.

13 **Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "telemedicine" means the**
14 **delivery of health care services using electronic communications**
15 **and information technology, including:**

- 16 (1) secure videoconferencing; and
17 (2) interactive audio-using store and forward technology;



1 between a health care provider in one (1) location and a patient in
2 another location.

3 (b) The term does not include use of the following:

- 4 (1) Audio-only communication.
- 5 (2) A telephone call.
- 6 (3) E-mail.
- 7 (4) An instant messaging conversation.
- 8 (5) Facsimile.

9 Sec. 3. (a) A prescriber may issue a prescription to a patient who
10 is receiving services through the use of telemedicine even if the
11 patient has not been seen previously by the prescriber in person if
12 the following conditions are met:

13 (1) The prescriber has done the following:

- 14 (A) Established a provider-patient relationship with the
- 15 patient.
- 16 (B) Satisfied the applicable standard of care in the
- 17 treatment of the patient.
- 18 (C) Generated and maintained a medical record for the
- 19 patient that indicates the prescription being prescribed.

20 (2) The issuance of the prescription by the provider is:

- 21 (A) within the prescriber's scope of practice and
- 22 certification; and
- 23 (B) in accordance with any applicable law or rule.

24 (3) The prescription is not for a controlled substance (as
25 defined in IC 35-48-1-9).

26 (b) To the extent a rule conflicts with this chapter, this chapter
27 is controlling.

